

and the cities in connection with eminent domain proceedings, street resurfacings and the like. But with the committee amendments, I don't think LB 179 is anything other than a reasonable measure. As Senator DeCamp and Senator Schmit have pointed out, LB 179 simply says to the state and the county and the city that when they construct or maintain a street they shall provide the business people on that street with ingress and egress, i.e. access, if reasonable. That is all it says. I don't think that is...I don't think we would want anything else, would we? I mean I am of the opinion that we would ask our highway department, the county highway departments and the city public works programs to take whatever steps were reasonably necessary as they resurfaced a street or constructed a street to make certain that the business community on that street had ingress and egress, if reasonable. If we can't give our business community that, it seems to me that we are really doing a tremendous disservice to the business community in the name of public works. Now I would say twenty years ago there was quite an outcry in our country about eminent domain proceedings because the law twenty years ago provided that anybody whose property was taken in an eminent domain proceeding was entitled to fair value for the property, and so what happened is a lot of interstates and roads were built in inner cities and property that people had owned for many years was taken and they did receive the fair value for the property that was taken but the monies that they received were totally inadequate to allow them to go out and buy replacement property. As a result, United States government passed a program known as the Relocation Assistance Program which was designed, and it has worked since that time, to require states, and the federal government, and cities, and counties to pay people whose property has been taken the difference between the fair market value of the property that was taken and replacement costs for comparable property and we have lived with that program for the last twenty years. Nebraska has, of course, its own Relocation Assistance Program. We have done it because we have had to be fair to people. Well, I think in the name of being fair, LB 179 as amended is a reasonable bill because it simply says that when our Department of Roads resurfaces, constructs, or maintains a street, it needs to provide the business community access if reasonable. That is all it says. I would oppose the kill motion.